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1. Vishinsky's evasion of fundamental questions—Secretary of State Acheson in Paris comments that the "rather desultory" session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on 26 May brought out further efforts by Vishinsky to appeal to German opinion. The Secretary reports that Vishinsky's central theme, however, was still the re-establishment of the Allied Control Council, operating on the principle of unanimity. The Secretary expresses the judgment that if at the 27 May meeting Vishinsky evades the question of reparations and Soviet-owned property in the Eastern Zone, it will be indicated that the USSR has no substantial concessions to make and fears to alienate German opinion.

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2. FRANCE: Presence of CFM averts Government's fall—US Ambassador Bruce reports that Foreign Minister Schuman has in an informal conversation declared his complete confidence that the Queuille Government will survive the immediate crisis, but "chiefly because of the presence of the CFM in Paris and the loss of French prestige and influence which would result from a Cabinet fall at this time." Schuman reportedly expressed anxiety and distaste concerning political maneuverings now being carried on "in disregard of the fundamental interests of the nation."

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